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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSES

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the general laws that Alva M. Woodside,dba William E. McLaughlin Inc., has applied for a Retail Package Goods Store, all alcholic beverage license to be located at Main st., corner of Church street. One room for sales and delivery, back room and cellar for storage. A public hearing will be held at the town hall on December 15, 1947 at 9 p. m.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the general laws that James F. McManus, dba McManus Bros. Liquor Store Inc., has applied for a Retail Package Goods Store alcholic beverage license to be located at 108 Main st., One floor, large room for sales and delivery, back room and cellar for storage. A public hearing will be held at the town hall on December 15, at 9 p. m.

Notice is hereby given under 138 of the general laws that Willam Altman and Gerald Altman, dba Alantic Market, has applied for a Retail Package Goods Store all alcholic beverage license to be located at 411 Main st., 1 floor one room for sales and delivery 2 rooms and cellar for storage, a public hearing will be held at the town hall on December 15, 1947 at 9 p. m.

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the general laws that Frank J. Griffin, William A. Griffin, Elizabeth M. Griffin, ada Church St., Hardware Inc., applied for a Retail Package Goods Store, all alcholic beverage license at Church and Main st., 1 floor for sales and delivery cellar for storage. A public hearing will be held in the town Hall on December 15, 1947 at 9 p. m.

Wimington Board of Selectmen
James J. Gilligan, chairman,
Charles H. Black
Wavie M Drew

SENIOR SCOUTS WEEKLY MEETING

Herbert Higginbotham and Frank Hadley were the guests of the Wilmington Senior Scouts at their weekly meeting on Tuesday night at the barn of Chester Hinxman, on Chestnut Street. The speaker for the next meeting was announced as Lieutenant Albert Marfleet, of the United States Navy. All those wishing to join the Senior Scouts are invited to attend the next meeting.

The World Wide Guild of the First Bantist Church will hold a Sale of Homecooked Foods at the Thrift Shop on Park street on Saturday December 13, beginning at 10 A. M.

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The Weafers of Woburn Celebrate 25th Anniversary

Many Winchester friends were on hand to helped the George A. Weafers celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, last Wednesday night, when the happy couple entertained a large number of their friends and well wishers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William McGann, 19 Sheridan street, Woburn.

Mrs. Weafer is especially well-known in this town where she was formerly active in amateur dramatics and concert singing, while Mr. Weafer was an outstanding baseball pitcher twenty-five years ago and well-known to baseball fans in this section.

Following the reception and the opening of many beautiful gifts, an impromptu and well presented program of entertainment brought the evening to a happy close, near the midnight hour when the guests departed for their homes, extending their best wishes for many more years of wedded happiness to the popular couple.

A BIT OF HEAVEN IN '47

By PAUL D. EMMONS

Well, the date of this writing is the anniversary of the worst licking the United States of America ever got. To wit, Pearl Harbor.

The only bit of heaven about that direful occasion lay in the fact that the Japs didn't have sense enough to follow it up and capture Hawaii while they had the opportunity. If they had done this,—well, California might have been a battle zone before the war ended.

On this fateful anniversary we can all thank God that we came out of that mess as scot free as we did.

Right now the pertinent question facing us is, "have we learned our lesson."

Every day now a radio commercial dins into our ears the trite old saying, "experience is the best teacher." This commercial relates to a cigarette. Pearl Harbor related to war—and it was one hell of an experience. Have we learned anything from it?

The present session of Congress will tell the story. Those who have learned the lesson of Pearl Harbor want universal military training. Those who have not learned that lesson don't want UMT. And UMT is not going to be popular in an election year.

The opponents of UMT argue that it would be a useless expense. There is, according to them, no defense against the atom bomb, consequently why have UMT"

Well, on that basis, why any defense against anything? There we might as well say, no defense against war, therefore we should we have an army, a navy or an air force.

UMT is only a part of these things anyway.

And it might turn out to be a very essential part. It would all depend on the type of training that was given.

There may be no defense against an atom bomb attack, but there would be a tremendous amount of salvage and emergency service work required afterwards. That's where UMT would come in. Our youth should be trained to perform this work properly if the emergency ever should arise.

Oh, but it would take so much time out of their lives just when they were getting their education and preparing for college!

Well, it all comes down to a question of values. Which is the most important, national safety and the rescuing of humanity from a cataclysmic disaster, or a college education?

As a matter of fact, UMT can properly be regarded as a necessary part of any youth's education nowadays. It's all a part of the cockeyed world we're living in, and what good is an education which doesn't fit a man to wrestle with the most vital problem he may have to meet?

Furthermore, defense alone never won a war, and never will. However devastating the initial bombing attack on us may be, we should be prepared to launch a counter attack right away. There in lies our only hope of salvation.

Here again is where UMT will come in. Our youth should be trained to give all necessary assistance to this very necessary counter-offensive. Every fational defense has to look to trained reserves for some measure of assistance at some stage of the war effort.

There is every valid argument in favor of UMT, and none that are valid against it.

Miss Eleanor Preston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Preston of Shawsheen Avenue, Wilmington, has been attending the Fay School of Boston since September.

Miss Preston, a graduate of Wilmington High School, is on the Dean's List for the first quarter. She is enrolled in the National Honor Society, and is an executive committee member of the Athletic Club

The Fay School is an exclusive school for girls, located at 52 Beacon Street, Boston Massachusetts.

The next meeting of the Baldwin Civic Association is scheduled for January 6th. At their regular meeting held last Tuesday evening, the members decided that the meeting be held on the first Tuesday of the month instead of the second. Following a business session, the members were entertained by a very interesting address given by Harland Whittredge, secretary of the school committee. The entertainment committee reported that the recent harvest suppe was a great success and netted a goodly sum.

FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS COMMUNION BREAKFAST

St. Mary's Holy Name Society will receive Holy Communion at the eight o'clock Mass on Sunday, December 14. Rev. Thomas F. Sennott, has arranged for a Fathers and Laughters Communion Breakfast in K. of C. Hall following Mass

POLIO VICTIM BECOMES PRIEST

FOLLOWING A SPECIAL DISPENSATION from Pope Pius XII, the Rev. Frater Cosmos Meyer (right), a former polio sufferer, is ordained to the Missionary Priesthood of St. Mary's Mission, Techny, Ill., by Bishop Adolph Noser. First polio victim to become a priest, Rev. Meyer spent several months in an iron lung and two years battling the ailment. His twin brother recently became a priest. (International)

Jury Views Tewksbury Accident Scene

A superior court jury was taken on a view of an auto accident scene, in Maple Street, Tewksbury, a short distance from the home of a defendant in an $11,000 suit which opende last Friday afternoon.

The defendant in the action is Charles E. Gray, of Maple Street, Tewksbury who is being sued for $10,000 by Joseph E. Baker, Jr., a minor, and his father, Joseph E. Baker both of Whittemore st. Tewksbury.

The suit is the result of an automobile accident in which the car of the defendant was allegedly involved in Maple Street, on March 18, 1942, and as a result of which the Baker boy allegedly suffered personal injuries. The father is seeking one thousand dollars consequential damages.

Shortly after the case opened, a view of the scene was requested and the jurors, court officers, and Judge Jesse M. Morton went by bus to Tewksbury, to view the scene.

Crowned Queen

Miss Rita Brabant, popular senior of the Tewksbury High School was recently crowned Football Queen, at a footbal ldance, held in the school auditorium.

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THIRD ADVENT VESPER SERVICE

The concluding Advent Organ esper Service in the series of hree presented at the First Bapist Church by Mr. Wilfred Tremlay, organist and minister of usic at the church, will take lace on Sunday, December 14, t 4 o'clock, with Mary Saunders, prano, of the First Baptist hurch, Boston as soloist.

A very interesting program, with special emphasis on Christmas selections, has been prepared, including a delightful Fantasia on Christmas Carols arranged by Mr. Tremblay

In Thee Is Gladness Bach
Shepherd's Christmas Music Bach
Fugue a la Gigue Bach
Air: "Come Unto Him"
—The Messiah— Handel
Miss Saunders
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Offertorye
Gesu Bambino Yon
Miss Saunders
Scherzo—A Midsummer Night's Dream— Mendelssohn
Evening Bells and Cradle Song MacFarlane
Christmas Day
—Fantasia on Christmas Carols— Wilfred Tremblay

A most cordial invitation is extended to all.

FORMER WINCHESTER MAN DECORATED

Captain Colin H. Macdiarmid, a former resident of Winchester, now living at 41 Pilgrim road Back Bay has been decorated with the British Empire Military Cross, his award being presented by Field Marshall Bernard L. Montgomery

The decoration was awarded for negotiating a heavily mined area to prevent panic of a large number of refugees hidden in a tunnel. As a liaison officer with Headquarters of the 43rd infantry Division he investigated a report that 1600 civilian refugees were in a railroad tunnel. Under heavy fire and through mined areas he made three trips to contact the refugees in the European campaign.

ANDOVER CLUB

Mrs. Harold H. Given of Forest street, recently returned from a visit to her daughter in Norway, spoke on "Christmas in Norway" at the meeting of the North Andover Woman's Club last Monday evening.

Engaged

An engagement of local interest is announced this week by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Mahoney Jr., of their daughter Miss Mary Louise Mahoney to Mr. James Edward Duffy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Duffy of Aldrich road.

Miss Mahoney is a graduate of College and is teaching school in Conn. Mr. Duffy as well known in Wilmington, he is with the Merchant Marines and at present is in South America. No date has been set for the wedding.

Seek Vote on New Wilmington High

Wilmington selectmen are seeking a referendum vote on a proposal to borrow $388,00 to finance construction of a new $400,000 high school, under legislation filed on December 4th, by Senator (republican) of Wakefield.

Voters would be asked to approve the transfer of $2000 from surplus revenue, in addition to borrowing the $388,000.

A two thirds majority of those voting at the annual town election would be required for approval of the proposal.

Selectmen James J. Gilligan, Charles H. Black and Wavie M. Drew sponsored the measure.

Grange to Hold

At last Wednesday's meeting of the Wimington Grange, with Master Edward Lawson in charge Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Andrews were appointed to take charge of the Christmas party for the children to be held at the meeting on December 17th. Lecturer Mrs. Anna Desharnais was in charge of the program. The members enjoyed a most interesting talk given by a representative of the Lowell Red Cross chapter describing the work which is being done by the chapter. Moving pictures were shown, and refreshments served in charge of Arthur O'Conell. Mrs. Deharnais attended the New England Lecturers conference at Worchester on the following day.

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Many Winners At Happy Jacks Whist

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ENTERTAINS LIBPARY STAFF

Members of the staff of the Public Library were the guests of Miss Corrine Mead, Librarian, at her apartment last Monday evening, when Miss Mead entertained in honor of Mrs. Cynthia Kendall Symonds. Catalog Librarian, who will leavet he staff at the end of December; and Miss Carol W. Noyes, Assistant in the Children's Library, who will also leave the staff in the near future.

LOCAL BOY WITH EIGHTH ARMY

Coporal Raymond James Monroe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Adams Monroe, is now serving with the famous 24th Division artillery, in Japan. He enlisted at Fort Banks, Winthrop, on September 6th, and received his basic training at Camp Pok, La. After spending a 17 day leave at home, he left to join the 24th divisior Artillery at Camp Hakata, Kuyshu.

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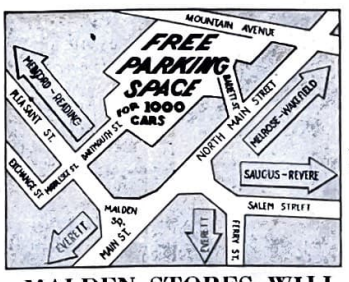

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V. F. W. Will Bring Ill Vets Home

For the 21st consecutive year the Massachusetts Veterans of Foreign Wars state department once again will undertake its program of transporting hospitalized veterans "home for Christmas," it was announced today by the local Post.

During the past two decades, the undertaking has been supported financially by appropriations by the V. F. W. state department. Last year more than 45 Massachusetts veterans were transported home as well as provided with cigarettes and shaving material from veterans hospitals in Newington, Conn., Bronx, N. Y. Sun Mt., N. Y., White River Junction, Vt. Togus, Me., and Massachusetts hospitals at Bedford, Rutland, Northampton and Chelsea.

Officers expect to assist an even greater number of veterans this year due to exceptionally crowded conditions in veterans hospitals.

The manager of each hospital has been contacted to assist the V. F. W. "Home for Christmas" committee by suggesting the names of needy veterans and obtaining the necessary medical clearances for disabled veterans desiring to spend Christmas with their families.

NO MSPC A MEETING

There will be no December meeting of the Winchester Branch MSPC, which holds its usual monthly meetings on the third Thursday of each month.

DEVER SUPPORTERS TO WATCH GOVERNORSHIP PRIMARIES NEXT YEAR

Supporters of Paul A. Dever, Charlestown ex-boxing champion, to keep the Democratic governorship primary of next year free of opposition candidates to the renomination of the former Attorney General without having the squabbles.

Dever adherents are cheered by the claim they make that Congressman John F. Kennedy (D) of Boston has given Dever his pledge not to run for Governor.

Maurice J. Tobin is mentioned as a possible candidate for renomination and events of the next year will play an important role in determining the position to be taken by Major James M. Curley of Boston.

Dever has little hope of obtaining the blessing of Curley leaders who carry on the Mayor's resentment against Dever who refused to vote to Curley demands while Dever was attorney General in the Curley Administration.

Those forces surrounding Dever are termed "fanatical zealots" in the Democratic party.

They have a devotion to the standard bearer unparalleled in Bay State politics.

Dever is the present representative of Massachusetts Democracy of the David I. Walsh period.

Launching a campaign for Governor with an organization of men and women built up during his years of public service, Dever is currently touring the state, making appearances at as many important functions as he can attend.

A large group of legislators who served with Dever in years past are extolling his worth.

Added to that portion of his campaign machine is the hosts of friends he made while serving as Attorney General.

Yet, the spokesmen for the young people in the Democratic party has definite obstacles to overcome.

He has had two bitter defeats in his state-wide appeals.

Those close to the Dever campaign scheme are convinced that the third try will restore him to the state-wide picture with the same strength he amassed during the years he was attorney General.

His rebuffs were far apart.

One was in the pre-war period when he lost the Governorship fight to Republican Leverett Saltonstall.

The second defeat was last year when he lost the Lieutenant-Governorship to Republican Arthur W. Coolidge.

Both losses were suffered by a narrow margin of votes.

The war service rendered by Dever in addition to the record of public service established in the legislature and in the role of Attorney General are cited by his campaign-minded friends as assets which they feel make him the most attractive Democrat to face Governor Robert F. Bradford next year.

Hood Manager Explains Efficiency Of Deliverymen

Mr. A. A. Sheldon, who is vitally interested in having his men cover miles and miles of streets and roads every day, has a few secrets up his sleeve as to how to get the milk delivered even when Old Man Winter does his best to thwart him.

Sheldon is the Medford branch manager for H. P. Hood & Sons, the famous New England dairy company which has been delivering milk for 101 years, starting out as one small route in New Hampshire in 1846. He says his company has had plenty of tough experience in its other New England branches during the winter but he believes that local weather conditions are the worst of any and he'll match his men against those of any other Hood group for showing ingenuity in beating Old Man Winter.

"People often ask me how we are organized," says Sheldon. "In the beginning we must always have three men who know each and every route from beginning to end. This is necessary in case of illness or absence of the regular delivery men are ill, on vacation, or taking their regular days off."

"Behind these men the garage mechanics who are responsible for keeping our delivery equipment in tip-tip condition every day of the week. Furthermore, they must know the route of each vehicle so that they can take special precautions to help the man who delivers to customers on hilly roads and those most apt to be blocked by drifts. We are geared to combat almost any emergency, but we're never quite sure whether Old Man Winter is going to lick us somewhere along the line. But to date our batting average has been pretty high."

Mr. Sheldon went on to explain that since most of the milk he delivers is purchased locally and must therefore be shipped to him in trucks, snow storms and sleet storms are also a major problem in those responsible for bringing Hood's Milk from the farms to he local distribution point.

Tip on bread storage

Using every slice of each loaf of bread helps reduce the number of loaves you buy each week.

Bread keeps fresh indefinitely, does not mold, when kept wrapped on a shelf in your refrigerator.

Report Fails To Cheer Willis

STATE HOUSE, BOSTON — ...wo major reforms proposed by ...recess commission probing possible economies in state and local governments do not set well with Speaker Forbes H. Willis of the House of Representatives.

The Republican majority of the commission has two suggestions which are tentatively objectionable to the Speaker who does not.

Approve of revamping the state commission on Administration and Finance to give the Governor complete control of state finances during his two year term.

Neither does he look favorably on a proposal to strengthen the Plan D form of city charter by allow appointment of a city manager without election of municipal by the president, Flora Larsen, officials under the proportions representation system.

Speaker Willis this week, pointed out that to substitute a single director of administration for the present Commission on Administration and Finance would grant ...ome much authority to a Gover...

...the recess commission heade... by senator Harris B. Richardson...R—of Winchester suggests that the term to the director is co-terminus with that of the Governor.

Sen. Richardson is stated to ... the next President of the State Senate. In that office he would be called upon to cooperate daily with Speaker Willis who said he feared the use which a Democratic Governor might make of power to control all spending policies through his own appointees.

The commission offered the suggestion for a change believing a Governor should have full responsibility for administration of his state departments. Present policy binds the hands of a Governor. The chairman of the commission on Administration and Finance at present is Democratic Thomas H. Buckley of Arlington. He was appointed by Governor Maurice J. Tobin a Democrat.

It was pointed out at the time that Governor Bradford called for a 10 per cent reduction in state expenditures and that had he named his own choice to head the commission on Administration and Finance he could have insisted he economies be made and would have been fully responsible.

Speaker Willis, however, does not believe that the Governor, any Governor, should have such broad powers.

...the same reasoning, failure to afford the Governor complete control of finances by having a commissioner of the opposition party in office, makes it possible for the Governor and his party to claim their program is being thwarted by the opposition.

It was the intent of the recess commission to hold the party in power responsible by giving it authority to place its own administration director in office.

Speaker Willis also objects to revision of the Plan D municipal charter.

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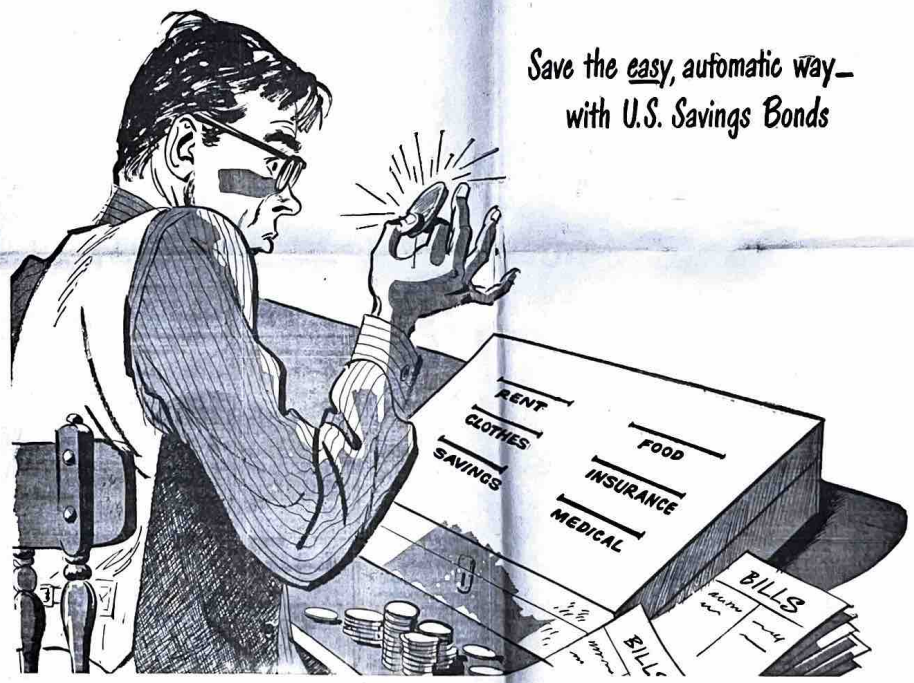

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ANOTHER MAN TO SEE

Only the most hardbitten cynic would carp at the slogans of "see your doctor once a year" and "see your dentist twice a year." The two professions involved have convinced the American people that it is to their own best physical interests to heed the admonitions which all of us know by heart and most of us, apparently, take to heart. Fear of the doctor and of the dentist has all but disappeared among the younger generations merely because their parents have brought them up accustomed to medical and dental examinations. The concept of "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" has been effectively impressed upon the minds of a large majority of Americans, resulting in a longer life span and better health for all.

If the medical and dental professions have been so eminently successful in their campaigns, one wonders why the legal profession has neglected to do likewise with the hope of similar success. Particularly in the field of making wills should the lawyers conduct a public campaign which in the long run would result in public benefit. As a rule, one does not consult a lawyer until he is in trouble. People with possessions a notch above the "joint account" of husband and wife often need legal advice, and if they secured it regularly, they would find, especially in the matter of disposition of their estates, that they could forestall a great deal of court complications for their heirs.

A wife with minor children can find herself enmeshed in all kinds of legal difficulties if her husband dies intestate. No fond parent desires this, but neglect often confounds the best of wishes.

Lawyers owe it to the public to conduct an intelligent campaign so that people may be aware of the legal pitfalls which await the uninitiated in such a comparatively simple matter as providing for a widow and children from a father's estate. For the protection of this same public there should be some sort of emphasis by the legal profession on the point that heads of families should consult their lawyers at least once a year and discuss their affairs with their attorneys. The slight fee involved would be incidental, but the "legal health" of the whole community would be sharply enhanced.

SPEAKING OF PRICES

We were visiting with some friends the other evening when the subject of conversation turned toward prices. There was hardly news in this because everyone is talking about prices these days. And they are not talking about our prices is obvious.

Our friends compared prices of everyday commodities in the period before the war with the prices at which those same commodities are being sold today. They recalled when bread was six cents a loaf, cigarets two packs for a quarter, range oil seven cents a gallon and a large candy bar five cents straight. They remembered when a good cut of steak could be bought for forty-five cents a pound. Yes, and one of the men remembered when he could buy a good suit of clothes, complete with vest and TWO pair of pants, at "twenty-two fifty."

Yes, prices are the chief topic of conversation these days. The people are confused over the situation and they see little real relief in sight from the mounting spiral of inflation. They are not heartened by the words of a well-known economist who said that domestic scarcity and high prices are caused by the large amount of American products being sent to Europe.

The American people, perhaps, are not getting the full picture of the U.S. relief being accorded war-torn Europe. The American people are a generous people, willing to help any deserving nation in distress. The American people can take it until the shoe pinches, and come back for more. But maybe some day they will lose their shoe.

The war was over two years ago. It is time that steps were taken toward a "return to normalcy" by those in power in Washington. The democrats have been holding the reins now for a long, long time.

Probably a Republican promise of "return to normalcy" in next year's election will have more popular appeal than was the case when the slogan was used before.

Beset by skyrocketing prices and heavy taxation, the American people, some observers believe will, next year, accept any logical promises which indicate that once again the nation will be put back on an even keel.

WSCS DESSERT

A dessert luncheon was enjoyed by the members of WSCS of the Methodist Church, Circle 5 last Wednesday afternoon in the vestry of the church. The luncheon served by a committee headed by Mrs. Ruth Ferrick. The luncheon was followed by the business session in charge of Mrs. Elsa Simes. Reports of the recent fair were given. The following officers were President Mrs. Elsa Simes Vice President Mrs. Thelma Rice Treasurer Mrs. Grace Jefferies Secretary, Mrs. Ruth Woods press and publicity, Mrs. Elsa Simes.

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by BERT BACHARACH
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STRICTLY A NEWS-SENSE: There's a nice quiet boom on to have Gen. Mark Clark named as V.P. on the Republican ticket. Some politicos even think the General might like to run as Mr. Truman's running mate. Anyway, up to now, it's just backstage talk . . . Now that they're finally divorced, the ex-Mrs. Tommy Dorsey (Pat Dane) will go back into pictures or start vocalizing with a name band—not that of her ex's . . . Johnny Meyer intimates to intimates that he and his Thomas gal are hitched . . . The Neiman-Marcus store in Dallas, Texas, advertised a pair of matched diamonds for $500,000. Actually this isn't as much of a luxury as you might at first suspect—the $500,000 included the taxi!! in Lancaster a railroad executive named a freight car in his mother-in-law's "honor". She didn't think it was an honor, however—soooo the divorce case comes up in November . . . In North Carolina a man is on to launch an annual "Love Your Mother-in-Law" Week. The instigators are bachelors. What's with the Elliot Roosevelts?

In the Bronx a veteran inserted this ad in the apartment wanted columns of a neighborhood newspaper: *"Veteran, wife and baby desperately need unfurnished apartment. Phone TR. 1560. If a woman answers hang up. It's my mother-in-law and the old battle axe has the silly idea that we're happy living with her."*

Much has been written about New York's scrappy ex-mayor—but I think this incident underscores his sense of humor. Early in the war Mr. LaGuardia received a communication from a woman telling him that whenever she went to bed she listened to the radio. Now, the question was, when she heard the Star-Spangled Banner—was she supposed to get out of bed and stand up, or not. Butch was stumped—so was the United States Flag Association. Finally the Mayor dictated an answer to his puzzled correspondent. *"Dear Madam,"* he wrote, *"May I suggest that when you go to bed at night—you turn off your radio!"*

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A Forest Hills mother, worried because her nine-year old daughter kept losing weight, took her to a psychiatrist. After a few hours of exchanging small talk, the doctor discovered that the youngster had been reading and following one of mother's books—a book entitled "How to Lose a Pound a Day" . . .

On Sixth Avenue—a fruit stand has this warning over a bunch of bananas: *"Please don't squeeze me 'til I'm yours"* . . .

INVENTION NEWS: In Chicago the A. & F. Engineering Co. has invented an automatic dill pickle machine. Slip in a nickle—bail out a pickle . . . Another ingenious chap has invented a teething ring for adults. Designed in the shape of a rubber cigar or cigarette holder, it is supposed to make breaking in new uppers or lowers considerably less irritating . . .

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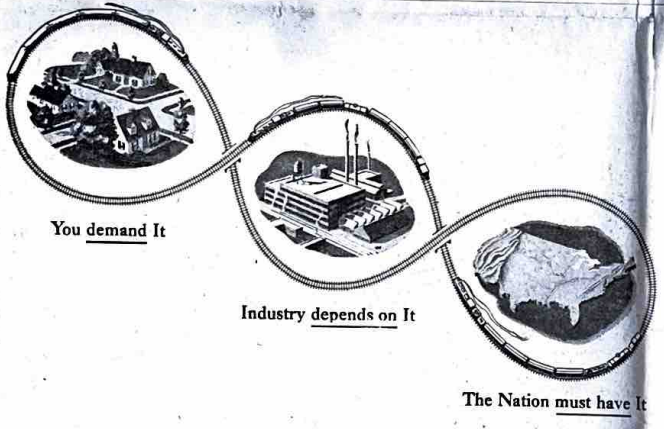

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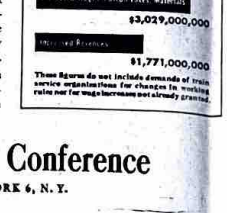
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